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SUBJECT: ICAO AIR SECURITY CONFERENCE: ISRAELI ATTITUDE
TOWARD GREEK PROPOSAL

PASS TO: LITTELL/CAB; DRISCOLL/DOT; STEWART/FAA

1. PURSUANT HUFFMAN-WILLIS TELECON SEPT. 3 RAISED
IN GENERAL TERMS WITH ISRAELIS QUESTION OF THEIR ATTITUDE
TOWARD GREEK PROPOSAL (ROME'S 9055). COURSE OF
CONVERSATION DISCLOSED ISRAEL HAD NOT ARRIVED AT SUBSTAN-
TIVE POSITION. AT SAME TIME ISRAELI REP (HARANL) RECALLED
THAT ISRAEL HAS CONSISTENTLY URGED NEED FOR CONVENTION
WITH BROADEST POSSIBLE COVERAGE. HE WAS CONFIDENT
HIS GOVERNMENT'S ATTITUDE TOWARD GREEK PROPOSAL WOULD
REFLECT THIS POSITION AND HENCE BE AFFIRMATIVE. HE
PROMISED TO STUDY MATTER AND WE AGREED TO CONSULT AGAIN.

2. IN DEVELOPING ISRAELI POSITION, HARAN AGREED HE
WOULD TAKE INTO ACCOUNT CONFERENCE DIFFICULT TIME TABLE
AND DISCUSSIONS OF SIMILAR PROPOSAL AT MONTREAL CONFERENCE.

3. IN COURSE OF CONVERSATION, HARAN ASKED
USDEL HOW STATE RESPONSIBILITY SHOULD BE COVERED IN CON-
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VENTIONS OR AMENDMENT TO CHICAGO CONVENTION. HUFFMAN

INDICATED USDEL HAD NO SUBSTANTIVE POSITION AT THIS TIME
BUT FELT EFFORT TO DEFINE STATE RESPONSIBILITY SHOULD BE
ASSIGNED TO JOINT WORKING GROUP OF ASSEMBLY AND CONFERENCE
IN ORDER TO AVOID EXTENDED DEBATE ON FLOOR. HARAN SAID
ISRAEL HOPED USDEL WOULD SUPPORT DEFINITION WHICH WOULD
BE APPLICABLE TO STATE ACTS OF COMMISSION AND OMISSION, AND
INDICATED GOI WOULD OBVIOUSLY BE INTERESTED MOST IN LATTER.
HUFFMAN SUGGESTED THAT SINCE INDEPENDENT CONVENTION
PROPOSALS ALREADY WOULD COVER STATE INACTION AGAINST
HIJACKERS/SABOTEURS, HARAN MIGHT CONSIDER WHETHER EXPLICIT
FORMULATION ON STATE ACTS OF OMISSION WOULD BE NECESSARY.
USDEL AGREED TO CONSULT WITH HARAN FURTHER ON THIS ISSUE.
COMMENT: STATE ACTS ISSUE OBVIOUSLY WILL BE EXTREMELY
COMPLICATED AND UNLESS HANDLED SKILLFULLY COULD REVIVE
ARAG-ISRAELI CONFRONTATION EXPERIENCED ON LEBANESE
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